

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

November 2026

Please join us for our annual
Remembrance Services
Sunday 8 November

Meet at the War Memorial near
St George's Church, Great Bromley
or

at the War Memorial
on the corner of Church Road,
Little Bromley
at **10.50am**

A service will be held afterwards at
St George's Church, Great Bromley
for those who wish to attend

*Lest we
forget*

THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

It's been so dry for so long that today's rain (18 October) felt like a biblical downpour. It's also turned noticeably cooler. We spent yesterday scarifying the lawn and re-seeding it in an effort to revitalise it after the summer. I'm hoping it hasn't all been washed away! The birds have certainly enjoyed some of it.

There are lots of events coming up in our villages during the final few months of the year. It certainly feels as though many of you have been busy planning and preparing, and that is reflected in this month's edition of The Messenger, which is a little larger than usual.

If you are planning a bonfire or fireworks display around 5 November, please consider letting your neighbours know in advance so that they can make any necessary preparations for pets, livestock and family members who may be affected.

As always, The Messenger is a reminder of just how much is happening in our villages and how many people give their time to keep our community thriving. Whether you're attending an event, volunteering with a local organisation, supporting a fundraiser or simply catching up on

village news, we hope this edition helps you stay connected with everything that's going on around you.

Awareness days in November include:

- 1st - World Vegan Day
- 11th - Armistice Day
- 13th - World Kindness Day
- 15th - 21st - Road Safety Week
- 19th - International Men's Day

Wishing you all a wonderful November as our villages prepare for Remembrance events and the run-up to Christmas.

*Take care,
Lizzie*

*Thank you to all our authors and contributors, our Treasurer, delivery team, and advertisers. If anyone wants to have a go at writing an article or a short story, please send it in - don't be shy. Any interesting or unusual hobbies, recipes to share or short stories, it's all welcome. As long as it follows the guidelines below, you really can't go wrong. Our village is a tapestry of rich history, diverse talents, and unwavering warmth. Each contribution to this magazine is a thread that strengthens the fabric of our community.

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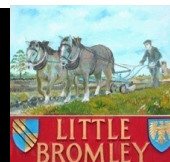
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As autumn settles over Little Bromley and we look ahead to the crisper mornings, there is plenty to keep our village community informed and involved. From remembering those who gave their lives in service of our country to important developments affecting our local area, this month's update covers the latest Parish Council news, major infrastructure projects, planning matters and some important reminders about keeping our village safe. As always, we welcome residents' views and encourage everyone to stay informed and involved in the future of our village. Please remember that clocks go back by an hour on Sunday 25th October.

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November

Our annual Remembrance Service will take place at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th November, with everyone asked to gather at 10.45am. This is an opportunity for our community to come together in quiet reflection and pay tribute to all those who have served and sacrificed so much in the cause of peace and freedom. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend. Gregory Frostick has kindly agreed to take the service again.

Tendring District Council's Local Plan

Tendring District Council's public consultation on the Submission Version of the Tendring District Local Plan Review 2025–2042 closed on 19th October. Little Bromley Parish Council submitted a formal representation objecting to the Local Plan Review as a whole, and in particular to the proposed allocation

MSA20 – Land south of Shop Road, Little Bromley. The Parish Council remains concerned about the implications of the proposals for our village and its future. You can read the Council's submission on the Parish Council website <https://www.littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/notice/tendring-district-council-local-plan-lbpc-formal-representation> ☐.

Neighbourhood Plan

We continue to make slow but steady progress on the emerging Little Bromley Neighbourhood Plan, and we are pleased to see the document gradually taking shape. One of the joys of preparing the Plan has been bringing together images that capture the character and history of our village. We are extremely grateful to Hugh Frostick for kindly allowing us to use photographs from his outstanding book *Little Bromley in Old Photographs*, which adds real depth and charm to the draft. We would also warmly welcome any additional pictures of Little Bromley — old or new, scenic or quirky — that residents may be willing to share. Every image helps us tell the story of our village and celebrate the place we call home.

Keeping Our Village Safe

Unfortunately, fly-tipping appears to be increasing in the village. This is unsightly, harms the local environment and places an unnecessary burden on those who have to deal with it. Please report any incidents via the Tendring District website - https://tendring-self.achieveservice.com/report_it and, where it is safe to do so, provide details of any relevant information that may help identify those responsible.

We are also concerned about a reported burglary in the village, said to have occurred at approximately 7.00pm on 5th October. There have also been a number of sightings of suspicious vehicles in the village.

Please remain vigilant. If you notice anything unusual or suspicious, report it to the police promptly. Neighbours looking out for one another can make a real difference.

Infrastructure Projects Update

Several major energy infrastructure projects continue to progress in and around our area. The Parish Council will continue to monitor developments and keep residents informed about proposals that may affect Little Bromley.

National Grid – Norwich to Tilbury

Residents may remember National Grid's consultation on local applications for enabling works. These are preliminary works intended to take place before a Development Consent Order (DCO) is granted for the main project.

Applications have now been submitted to a number of Councils. However, at the time of writing, we have not identified a planning application submitted to Tendring District Council for these works, although National Grid previously advised us that an application for early enabling works would be forthcoming. The Parish Council will continue to follow this closely and share further information when it becomes available.

Five Estuaries and North Falls The

North Falls and Five Estuaries Joint Substations Design Guide has recently been finalised and published <https://fiveestuaries.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Five-Estuaries-and-North-Falls-Joint-Substations-Design-Guide-Sep-2026.pdf>. We understand that the projects are now in a phase of design refinement and early procurement planning and we will be keeping a close eye on any developments.

Tarchon Interconnector Tarchon has recently published its project programme and uploaded its Summer 2026 Non-Statutory Consultation Report, alongside its 2025 Non-Statutory Consultation Report. These documents summarise feedback received during their community consultation activities and explain how that feedback is helping to inform the ongoing development of the project. Residents who wish to understand the proposals and review the consultation findings can find the reports and related documents in the Tarchon Interconnector Document Library <https://tarchoninterconnector.com/consultation/document-library/>

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm at The Haywain. All residents are welcome to attend. Parish Council meetings provide an opportunity to hear about local matters, raise questions and share your views on issues affecting our village.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Cllr. Christine Barrett



LITTLE BROMLEY BELLS

Friends of Little Bromley Church are delighted to announce that the four bells from Little Bromley Church have been taken down and transported to Taylor's bell foundry in Loughborough to be cleaned and restored with new fittings.

Having been brought up in Lt Bromley, I have been so pleased to be part of raising the funds to get to this stage, and to be able to help with the removal process.

Each bell had its fittings removed in the tower and was then slowly lowered to the ground through a trap door which hadn't been opened since 1898, and a temporary hole in the ringing platform where the old organ stands. The bells were then lifted onto a lorry by crane, and it was quite moving to see them on a lorry for the first time ever. The next stage is for repairs to the

medieval oak bell frame and then the restored bells can be brought back home.

Thank you very much to all those who supported our fundraising process and to Essex Heritage Trust for their grant. I can't wait to ring the bells again early next year!

Gavin Edwards
Friends of Little Bromley Church





GREAT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Verbal Abuse

I am very sorry to report that there has been a significant increase again in the number of patients being verbally abusive towards our Practice staff. The whole Surgery team work very hard to provide a helpful and efficient service and I would ask that patients treat our hardworking staff with respect at all times.

Please remember that our front desk reception staff are not able to deal with prescription requests, as these have to be dealt with by a trained prescription clerk. If you have an enquiry about your medication, then please ensure you contact the prescription clerk on telephone number 01206 257557. If the prescription clerk isn't able to answer your call, then you are able to leave your name and number for a call back.

Travel Vaccinations

If you need to check if your vaccinations are up-to date for travelling abroad, you will need to complete a Travel Health Form which can be found on the Great Bentley Surgery website -

greatbentleysurgery.nhs.uk. You can easily find this form by putting in 'travel health' in the search box on our website.

Once you complete the form and press the submit button, it will be sent through to the Surgery and passed to a nurse for her to check whether you are up-to-date with your vaccinations. For

patients who do not have access to the internet, a paper copy can be collected from reception for completion.

It is very important that you complete and submit this form at least six to eight weeks prior to travelling to allow sufficient time to get you booked in for any vaccinations required, and ensure you have appropriate cover for your holiday.

General Practice Patient List Validation

NHS England are currently in the process of contacting patients who they believe may no longer be living in England to check their address details. If you receive contact from NHS England asking you to confirm your address, please ensure you respond to this. If you do not respond to this request, unfortunately it may result in you being removed from the Practice list.

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area, we will be shut from 12.30 pm on Thursday 12 November 2026 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, they can contact 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group

The next meeting of the Patient Participation Group will be held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 26 November 2026 in the Mitchell Room at Great Bentley Village Hall.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

Nov 8th

The Deanery Choir will be singing at St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS at the 11am Remembrance service. The anthem they will sing will be 'For the fallen' by Douglas Guest. During the Second World War Guest served as a Major in the Royal Artillery and was involved in the battle for the liberation of Caen, Normandy. He was 'twice severely wounded' sustaining a leg injury which left him with a permanent, though eventually slight limp. His first major appointment came in 1945 as Director of Music at Uppingham School. From there he became Organist of Salisbury Cathedral, a post which he held from 1950 until 1957, before moving to become Organist and Master of the Choristers at Worcester Cathedral. His final post was as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey from 1963 until 1981.

Advance notice

On 12th December the Deanery



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

Choir will be singing at St Mary's Church, Lawford CO11 2JX at the 7.00pm 'Living Christmas '26' concert. This act of worship was devised by Graham Bell and is similar to a 'Nine lessons & carols' service but with carols written by living composers and arrangers. This year the choir will make full use of the Copeman Hart organ, in the church, with the masterful Peter Clayton playing. There will be a retiring collection for church funds. One not to miss!

Graham Bell
Deanery Choir
grahambell493@gmail.com



We would like to invite you to a

Christmas

Coffee Morning

At St. George's Church,

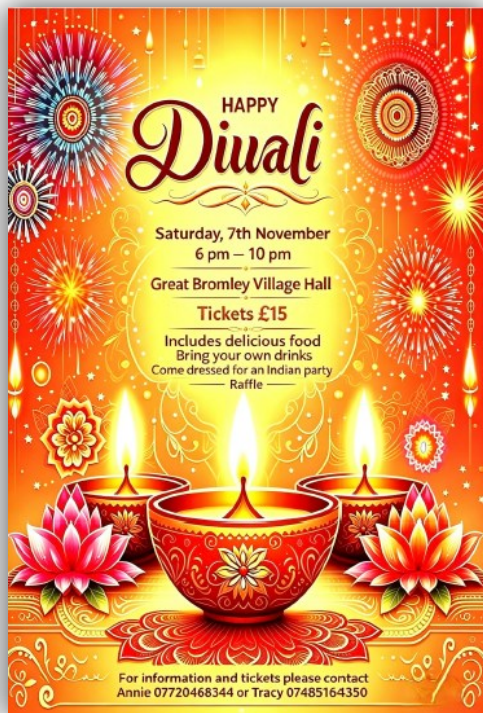
Great Bromley, CO7 7TS on

Saturday 5th December

10am to 12 noon

We will have: a raffle, assorted stalls, cakes, refreshments and lots more to enjoy, including music performed by 'Fiddlers Oboe'.

Everyone Welcome - Free entry



PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>26/01240/FULHH</u> Mr and Mrs Fisher	Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension.	Walnut Tree Carringtons Road, Great Bromley CO7 7XA	Approval is Refused
<u>26/01239/LBC</u> Mr and Mrs Fisher	Application for Listed Building Consent - Single storey rear extension.	Walnut Tree Carringtons Road, Great Bromley CO7 7X	Refusal - Listed Building Consent
<u>26/01038/FULHH</u> Mr Daniel Shaikly	Householder Planning Application - Replacement front porch, conversion of existing garage to ancillary living accommodation, and single storey rear extension.	Dovetails, Mary Lane South, Great Bromley CO7 7UD	Approval - Full
<u>26/01152/FUL</u> Mr and Mrs Rolt	Planning Application - Erection of a self-build dwelling (in lieu of 25/00928/COUNOT for the change of use of an agricultural building into a dwelling under Schedule 2, part 3, Class Q of the GPDO)	Roline, Harwich Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UL	Approval - Full

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>26/00768/FUL</u>	Messrs Raymond - NEEB Holdings Ltd Land North of Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 8SZ Application for Full Planning - Development of a roadside services facility comprising a service station with fuel forecourt and canopy, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, drive-through restaurant, flexible Class E commercial units, HGV parking and associated access, parking, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure. Great Bromley Parish Council wished to reiterate that its objection to this application remains unchanged. The Parish Council noted the recent response from the Highway Authority and was particularly concerned that the development had triggered Strategic Road Network concerns, indicating that the potential impact on the wider highway network remained unresolved. Given the scale of the proposed development, including a fuel forecourt, EV charging infrastructure, drive-through restaurant, commercial units and HGV parking, the Parish Council continued to have significant concerns regarding the traffic and highway implications of the proposal and considered that those concerns had not been adequately addressed. In light of the Highway Authority's comments and the outstanding Strategic Road Network issues, Great Bromley Parish Council maintained its objection to the application.	

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>26/01173/FUL</u> Mr Bryn Jones	Planning Application - Change of external wall finish. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objections.	Bromley Cross Pub, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL
<u>26/01228/VOC</u> Mr Oliver Burfoot	Variation of Condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission 23/00321/FUL to allow the erection of new front boundary wall and gate. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objections to the variation.	Grange Hall, Hall Road CO7 7TS
<u>26/01358/FULHH</u> Dan Weaver	Householder Planning Application - Two storey rear extension and games room to rear garden Great Bromley Parish Council had no objections.	1 St Georges Close, CO7 7HZ
<u>26/01385/OUT</u> Mr and Mrs Sargent - Brookside, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UX - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of 1 self build dwelling. Great Bromley Parish Council objected for the following reasons: Highway and Pedestrian Safety - Concerns remain regarding the proposed pedestrian access onto Badley Hall Road. The applicant has not demonstrated the need for a new access point, and the proposed access appears to provide poorer sightlines than the existing arrangement, creating potential safety risks for pedestrians. The lack of footway provision in the area further exacerbates these concerns. Heritage Impact - The site is located near a Grade I listed building. The Parish Council considers that any replacement dwelling should remain modest in scale and not exceed the character and appearance of the existing bungalow, in order to protect the setting of this important heritage asset. Flood Risk and Drainage - The Council is concerned that development may affect the flow of water within Bromley Brook and increase local flood risk. Evidence should be provided to demonstrate that the proposal will not adversely impact the watercourse, and any necessary watercourse consents should be secured. Construction Impacts - Should permission be granted, conditions should be imposed restricting construction working hours to protect neighbouring residents.		

Residents are reminded that you can comment on any planning application directly through the Tendring District Council Planning Portal. Simply search for the application number, view the documents, and submit your comments online.

All feedback must be sent to TDC, as the Local Planning Authority.

ARDLEIGH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

"Composting - All You Ever Wanted to Know!" will be the subject of the talk by Andrew Babicz at Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh, CO7 7RS on

Thursday 10th December at 7:45pm. Free admission to members, non-members £2. Everyone is welcome.

STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY



Christmas starts here!

Stour Choral Society will be performing excerpts of 'Christmas Oratorio' (J.S. Bach) and a selection of seasonal music and carols on Saturday 28th November at Mistley Church, New Rd, Mistley CO11 1ER, 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend our popular pre-Christmas concert.

The musical director will be Susanna Rose and accompanists, Stephen Smith (organ) and Ben Steinitz (Timpani). The soloists will be Anna

Rose, (mezzo soprano), Nick Rainer (tenor) and Peter Grevatt (bass). There may well be trumpets too!

Tickets remain at £15 for adults, under 18s free and are available from Howell's hardware store in Manningtree High Street, by email:

info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk, or by telephone 07511908213, or from choir members.

Please come and join us for a joyful and uplifting start to the festive season.

GREAT BENTLEY ART CLUB

The chosen subject for our meeting on 10th of November is 'Drawing a Castle'. The obvious subject would of course be Colchester Castle but there are so many of these ancient buildings to choose from.

On 24th of November the suggested subject is 'Storms with lightning strikes'. This, I think, would be a challenge for the most experienced artist, being able to create the moodiness of the storm with the bright intensity of the lightning strike. As always, attendees are free to choose their own subject.

Both meetings take place in St Mary's Church Hall, Great Bentley, starting at 2.00 pm.

For more information, contact Roy Parker on 07506 370314.



St George's Church Great Bromley

Sunday 1st November 2026 at 3pm

Come and light a candle for those you love who have died, either recently or longer ago. You can email us or add the names of those to be remembered on the list in church.

If you can't be there but would like us to read the name and light a candle for your loved one, please let us know.

E: church@greatbromley.org.uk

T: 01206 230688

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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This month's Parish Council meeting was well attended again, with contributions to the meeting from the public, which is good to see.

By the time you read this, we will know who has been successful in our local elections to join the Parish Council - please use your vote.

We recently had the play equipment inspected, as we do every year, at Hare Green and Church Meadow and, as a result, I need to make you aware we are going to remove the goal posts from Hare Green on safety grounds and hopefully replace them next year with new ones, finances permitting.

The Parish Council is currently considering participating in the Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy Initiative. This idea is to create wildlife habitats around the village. The village pond is one area being considered.

Little Bromley Parish Council has been keeping parishioners informed on the progress of the Five Estuaries & North Falls Project through the Messenger. Great Bromley Parish Council fully supports them throughout their battle with this project, which will have an enormous impact on their village. Widening of Bentley Road, Little Bromley and a haul road are planned to take the construction traffic for the building of the sub-stations. The chosen routes for the construction traffic will come from the A120 through Little Bromley (Bentley Road, Little Bromley Road) and constructed haul roads. It is estimated that during the peak construction phase there may be up to nine hundred HGV movements per day, with the added traffic from construction workers. The estimated total

construction time runs from April 2027 until September 2031.

As well as the designated routes chosen, other roads around the construction areas will have an 'order of limits' and/or 'limits of deviation' placed on them, meaning they could be closed to public use at any time. This would put enormous pressure on surrounding roads especially during the 'rush hour' times and will affect Great Bromley as drivers try to find alternative routes for their journeys.

Great Bromley Parish Council will have regular updates at their monthly meetings and Parish Councillors will attend Little Bromley Parish Council meetings to show support and receive updates on the progression of the project.

***Cllr Andrew Fairley &
Cllr Carole Mander***

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 5th December we will be holding a Coffee morning at St. George's Church between 10am and 12 noon. There will be some lovely Christmas items for sale/ donation. It would be great to see you there.

We will be having a **raffle** and a **tombola** and if anyone has anything they would like to donate for this, please feel free to drop the items into the church. There will be a box at the back of the pews as you enter. All donations are appreciated.

Many thanks from Carol and Jenny

CELEBRATING FRED'S CONTRIBUTION TO GREAT BROMLEY

I would like to formally recognise and celebrate the outstanding contribution that **Fred Nicholls** has made to Great Bromley and the wider community over many years.

Fred served as a member of Great Bromley Parish Council, including many years as Chairman. He also served as a District Councillor and later Chairman of Tendring District Council. In addition, he was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and has played an active role in many aspects of village life.

Throughout his public service, Fred was a driving force behind numerous projects that helped shape and improve the village. These included the Hare Green roundabout on the A120, the Robinson Close development, and the redevelopment of the Costcutter and Little Paddocks site, which helped bring a village shop back to Great Bromley. He also championed double yellow lines near the school and supported speed monitoring initiatives throughout the parish.

Fred's passion for the village and its residents has been evident in his efforts to bring people together through community events. He played a leading role in organising celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, the Coronation of King Charles III, VE Day commemorations, Remembrance

events and Christmas Afternoon Teas. He also spearheaded projects including the installation of play equipment at Hare Green and Church Meadow.

During his time as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Fred secured substantial grant funding for a new Village Hall roof and helped obtain funding for improvement works at the Cricket Club.

Among his many experiences in public service, Fred represented Great Bromley and Tendring District Council at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace hosted by Queen Elizabeth II.

Over the years, Fred has also been a strong supporter of local organisations, attending and supporting numerous events organised by St George's School, the Village Hall Committee and other community groups.

Although not every ambition came to fruition, Fred consistently championed projects he believed would benefit the village, including proposals for a roundabout at the Court House junction and improved footpaths along Harwich Road and Frating Road.

Fred's dedication, commitment and enthusiasm have left a lasting mark on Great Bromley, and his contribution to village life is greatly appreciated.

Andrew Fairley



Dates for your diary



NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Light a Candle Service - St George's Church | 3:00pm |
| 4 | WI - Thriving instead of merely Surviving | 7:30pm |
| | - Village Hall | |
| 8 | Remembrance Services at Great Bromley and Little Bromley War Memorials | Gather at 10:50am |
| 11 | Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall | 7:00pm |
| 12 | Dementia Café, Shrub End Comm. & Sports Centre | 1:30pm-3pm |
| 14 | Quiz Night, Village Hall - Gt Bromley Cricket Club | 7:00pm for 7:30pm |
| 19 | Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain | 7:30pm |
| 24 | WI - Crafting Social, Village Hall | 10:00-12:30pm |
| 29 | Advent Service of Light, St George's Church | 4:00pm |

DECEMBER

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| 2 | WI Christmas Lunch | |
| 5 | Christmas Coffee Morning, St George's Church | 10:00-12:00pm |
| 8 | WI - Crafting Social, Christmas Lunch, Village Hall | 10-2pm |
| 9 | Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall | 7:00pm |

JANUARY 2027

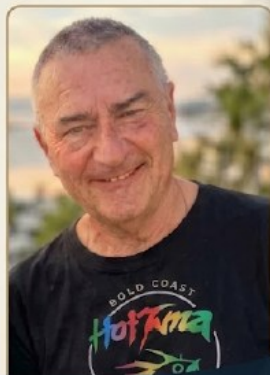
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| 6 | WI - Soup and Resolutions, Village Hall | 7:30pm |
| 13 | Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall | 7:00pm |
| 28 | WI Crafting Social, Village Hall | 10:00- 2:30pm |
| 28 | Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain | 7:30pm |

Help Ian Get His Voice Back

Ian suffered a severe stroke on 3rd Jan 2026. He now lives with aphasia — a condition caused by the stroke that has taken away his ability to talk and communicate.

By supporting this fundraiser, you will help fund an intensive course to give Ian the best possible chance of regaining his voice.

Please join us and help make a difference.



BUY EVENT TICKETS
£15 PER PERSON
including Buffet



The King's Arms
Main Road, Frating,
CO7 7DJ

Raffle prizes: **ghd**
good hair day



CAN'T ATTEND BUT
WANT TO HELP?
DONATE HERE
to GoFundMe.
donations only, does not
purchase an event ticket

The Mobile Library visits every three weeks at Church Meadow on a Thursday - next dates are:

- 5 Nov
- 26 Nov
- 17 Dec

9.45am to 10.15am



Post Office & Community Library
The Great Bromley Cross Pub



Wednesdays
10.00am - 12 noon



Did you know? Our local area has three Automated External Defibrillators. You can access these at:

- The Courthouse, Harwich Road, CO7 7JG
- The Great Bromley Cross Pub, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL
- The Haywain, Bentley Road, CO11 2PL

Also at The Great Bromley Cross Pub is a Bleed Kit. The kit, provided by Great Bromley Parish Council, contains specialist equipment to help stem extreme blood loss before ambulance crews arrive.

Bleed control kits, also known as emergency trauma packs, are similar to first aid kits but include trauma dressings, gauze, chest seals and tourniquets to help stop serious bleeding. They can help victims of violent crime, those involved in road traffic accidents or workplace accidents, and could be particularly useful in rural areas where ambulance response times may be slower.

Don't ignore it - Report it at www.essexhighways.org

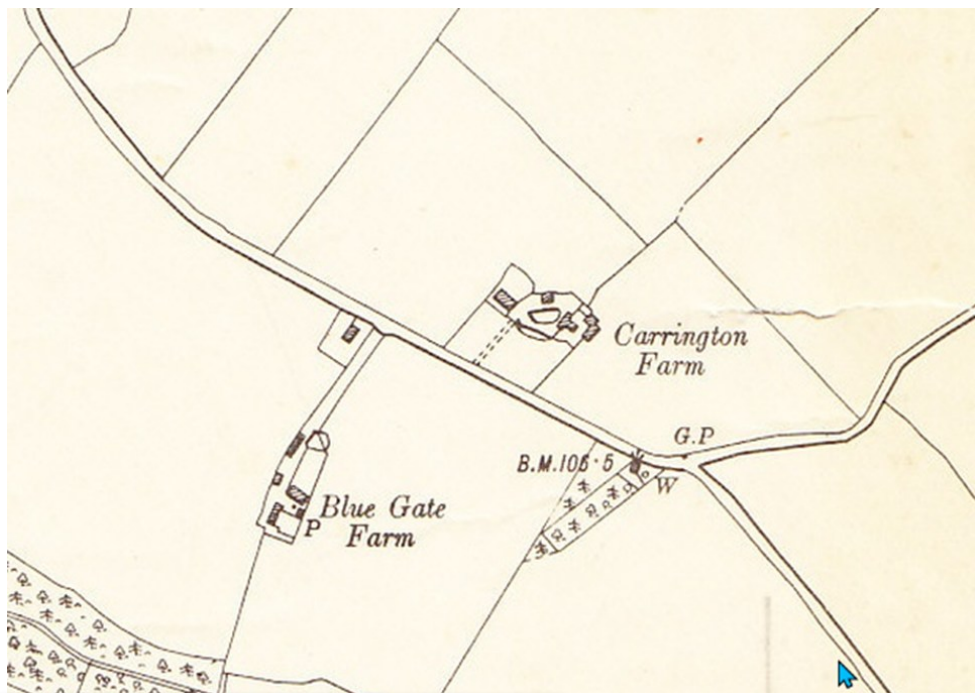


Essex Highways carry out regular inspections of roads and pavements, but issues may come up between these inspections. These could be potholes or other road surface issues, damaged street lights, street signs, overgrown trees, or issues with public rights of way.

Report maintenance issues online by using the highways reporting tool. If you think there's a risk to public safety please call 0345 603 7631 or if you have hearing problems you can use the text phone service on 0345 758 5592.

BLUE GATE FARM

Last month's tale of the Kettle or Kittel poisoning mentions Blue Gate Farm. In my lifetime "Bluegates" was the bungalow on Carringtons road, because the old farmhouse had been demolished. The 1959 OS map shows the situation of the farm, and Bluegates bungalow.



Historic England documented the features of its dilapidated state as it was being dismantled in 1961, but Steve Barber has kindly provided some old pictures of it when it was in a good state of repair and his relatives lived there, with a cousin of his holding the gun.

Dr Hugh Frostick
hugh@greatbromley.org.uk
07722 253962



DELIVERERS NEEDED FOR THE MESSENGER

Could you spare just one hour a month?

The Messenger is delivered to homes throughout Great Bromley and Little Bromley each month, helping to keep residents informed about local events, community groups, parish council news and village activities.

We are looking for a small number of volunteers to help with deliveries. The commitment is minimal, requiring just one delivery round per month, taking approximately one hour or less to complete.

Delivering The Messenger is a simple but important way to support the local

community and help ensure that residents continue to receive village news and information.

We are particularly keen to hear from anyone living in or around the Hall Road area, where we currently need additional help to ensure deliveries can continue reliably each month.

If you enjoy a walk around the village and would be willing to help, even occasionally, we would be delighted to hear from you.

To volunteer or find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk.

CHARLES MANNING – WELL REMEMBERED

Charles Manning was a Little Bromley man, born in 1890 and killed in action near Arras in 1917. As has been noted before, he is unusual in being remembered on both our village war memorials at Little and Great Bromley. However, that is not all...

A few years ago Mrs Beryl Hurst showed me the War Memorial Tablet that was removed from Burnt Heath Chapel when it closed and became a house – thankfully the Hurst family rescued it from being discarded. It reads:

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND THE UNDYING MEMORY OF THOSE
CONNECTED WITH THIS CHURCH WHO MADE
THE SUPREME SACRIFICE DURING THE
GREAT WAR 1914 TO 1918**

**N^O. 23882 PTE W.J.BARTON, 2ND BATT. ESSEX
REG^T
DIED OF WOUNDS 29TH OCTOBER 1916**

**N^O. 26824 PTE E. CHILVERS, 4TH BATT.
GRENADIER G^{DS}
DIED OF WOUNDS 26TH JULY 1917**

**N^O. 201948 PTE C. MANNING, 2ND BATT. ESSEX
REG^T
KILLED IN ACTION 1ST SEPTEMBER 1917**

**GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS,
THAT A
MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS**

Thus, Charles Manning was commemorated on three different memorials - I can only assume he was a very avid churchgoer! But I do wonder if that is a unique situation?

The stone tablet is, I understand, to be mounted at the Bromley Cross Pub and hence safely preserved.

Of the other men, Ernest Chilvers was 33 and married to Mabel G. Chilvers, of 17 Bessel St., Hadleigh, Suffolk according to CWGC. William Barton was son

of William & Mary Barton, of Park Corner, Ardleigh. Both these men appear on the Ardleigh War Memorial. When I looked, I was half expecting to see a "C Manning" there, as well!

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ESSEX LIBRARIES

As the days are getting shorter and we're getting ready for cosy season, there's no better time to curl up with a good book or two or three.

Discover the Rivers of London series by **Ben Aaronovitch**

Blending crime, fantasy and humour, the series follows Police Constable Peter Grant, a young Met Police officer who discovers that magic is real and investigates supernatural crimes across London.

Rivers of London (2011)

Peter Grant's life changes when he encounters a ghost at a crime scene.

Moon Over Soho (2011)

A series of mysterious deaths among jazz musicians leads Peter into London's music scene.

Whispers Under Ground (2012)

An American student's murder draws Peter into the hidden world beneath London's Underground.

Broken Homes (2013)

A stolen magical book in South London points Peter towards the dangerous Faceless Man.

Foxglove Summer (2014)

Leaving London behind, Peter investigates the disappearance of two girls in rural Herefordshire. Has he found a changeling?

The Hanging Tree (2016)

A magical murder among London's elite, draws Peter into a world of power and sorcery.

The Furthest Station (2017)

Ghostly encounters on the Metropolitan Line see Peter and his cousin Abigail to the end of the line, searching for answers.

Lies Sleeping (2018)

Has Peter captured the Faceless Man? Has the battle reached its dramatic conclusion?

False Value (2020)

Technology and magic collide when Peter investigates a cutting-edge tech company.

Amongst Our Weapons (2022)

Peter uncovers an ancient conspiracy stretching back centuries., and discovers two new lives



We would like to invite you to our

*Advent
Service of Light
on Sunday 29th November*

*4pm at St. George's Church,
Great Bromley CO7 7IS
Everyone welcome*

ST. MARK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

**St. Mark's, Hawthorn Drive,
Ipswich IP2 0QQ**
**Holy Family Church, Ipswich
Road, Brantham CO11 1TB**
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The Presbytery, 180 Hawthorn
Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ
Tel: 01473
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website: stmarksparish.org.uk
**Father Luke's Sunday sermons
are available at anchor.fm/fr-luke-
goymour**

How can we love our neighbour as Jesus loved us?

In John's Gospel (13:34-35) Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, just as He loved us: "This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples: if you love one another." What a challenge and where do we begin? Mother Teresa famously said "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." St. Paul advises the Philippians not to be jealous or proud, but to be humble and consider others more important than themselves. He also encourages the Colossians to "clothe themselves with hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." For us as 21st century Christians those principles are great objectives – and also a life's work! And some final advice from Mother Teresa *"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."* Amen to that!

Weekday and Sunday Masses and devotions

Please consult noticeboards and the parish website in case of weekday mass changes:

Saturday St. Mark's 17.30 vigil mass with confessions from 17.00
Sunday Holy Family, Brantham 8am and **St. Mark's, Ipswich** 11.15am.
Tuesday Holy Family 10.00 mass, with Adoration from 9.20
Wednesday St. Mark's 09.30 mass
Friday St. Mark's 12.15 mass, with Adoration from 11.40.

The Sick & Housebound

Please let Fr Luke know of anyone who is ill at home, housebound or in hospital, so that they may receive appropriate pastoral care, he can be contacted on 01473 684963. If you or a family member is in hospital you can also contact the Catholic Lay Chaplain to Ipswich hospital:
hospitalchaplain@stmarksparish.org.uk

Quiz Night

**Great Bromley Village Hall
Saturday 14 November**

- 7pm for 7.30pm start
- Bring your own food and drink
- Maximum of 6 people per team
- £6 per person
- Contact Tracey to reserve your table on 01206 251434

**This is a fundraising event for
Great Bromley Cricket Club**

Great Bromley and Brightlingsea WIs came together to create 'The Catwalk Challenge'.

A host of lovely ladies ransacked their local charity shops to put together an outfit for the occasion of their choice for less than £20. Decked out for such events as 'Dinner with the Captain', 'Tea at the Palace', 'A Summer Day out', 'Grease Appreciation Society Conference' (A very snazzy dual appearance for Helen Fairley, our stunning Sandy look-alike) or 'Going to Glastonbury', they sashayed down the catwalk with great style and panache to much applause and appreciation from the 100 plus ladies gathered to support the evening.

Laced with hot tips for charity shop bargain hunting, info about local charities and various entertainments, it was a stellar evening of inter-village cooperation and good will. Overall, more than £700 was raised for our chosen charities and a good time was had by all.



MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Last month members enjoyed a talk by Derek Howes about his work in Central and South America, a field Trip to Pin Mill, a print competition and a talk by Stephen Harper on Mach Loop and Photographing Lynx in Spain.,

November sessions are as follows;

- 12th November – PDI Competition, Open Colour
- 15th November - Field Trip to Woodbridge
- 26th November – Club Workshop

Our club website has information about membership and activities together with competition results, photo albums and further club

information. Our full 2026/2027 programme can be found on the Website. Our public Manningtree Photographic Club Facebook page also features various club news and activities.

This month's featured image by Pat Ainger was the winner of the Summer Facebook Challenge – The Best of Summer .

We are a small group of photography enthusiasts with a wide range of photographic experience and knowledge. The club aims to provide a friendly environment for members to enjoy the development of their

photographic skills through a variety of activities in the company of like-minded individuals.



If you have an interest in photography, at whatever level, you would be most welcome at M&DPS. We meet at Mistley Village Hall, on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thursdays of the month between September and May at 7.30pm.

For further information please contact our Secretary Pat Ainger on 01206 231242 or email: madps@post.com

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/>

KNIT AND KNATTER

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home will be closing by the end of this year.

Residents are already on the move to new care homes, Linda (one of our knitters) is moving to Silver Springs at Thorrington. All residents and many of the staff are being presented with a Seven Rivers special Scarf in Seven Rivers colours and a large '7R' in the corner to remind them of their time spent in Great Bromley.

The scarves were originally intended as a Christmas present for each resident but sadly, plans have changed. Our lovely knitters created 30 scarves for our surprise presents each



one different and fantastic, knitted in garter stitch or crocheted. Well done team, thank you to all our knitters.

We will by the end of the year be looking for a new venue, possibly the school who now have a separate room in the garden or the church in the summer months.

If you would like to join us in our next project we meet on the second Wednesday of the month 2-4pm.

We shall be looking for a new project whilst still knitting for our friends in the Ukraine.

CHURCH JOTTINGS

Harvest Lunch at the Court House

Sunday 11th October saw members of our church community join together to share the most delicious lunch at The Court House, Great Bromley.

Coleen and the staff made us most welcome as thirty-five of us joined together to share Sunday Lunch.

Thank you to all of you who joined with us, from our Choir (St Georges and Deanery), Helping Hands, Knit and Knatter group and the worshipping congregation. Let's get together again soon, it was such fun.

Jenny Nicholls

Coming Events to which you are all welcome

Nov 1st at 3 pm - Join us to remember our loved ones, come and light a candle in their memory, all welcome.

Nov 29th at 4pm - Darkness into light, preparing for Advent and Christmas.

December 5th 10.00 - 12.00pm- Annual Festive Coffee Morning - many stalls and festive fun for all.

December 20th 6.30pm - Carols at St George's

December 24th 3.00pm - Christingle and Crib - Join us at 2.15pm to make your very own Christingle and stay for the Crib Service.

December 25th - Christmas Service at 11.00am.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our September meeting we had a very informative talk on the risk of the Yellow Legged Asian Hornet becoming established in the UK.

For identification and what you should do:

Looking for Asian hornets

Likely places to look for Asian hornets: hovering in front of beehives, on camellias in spring and near flowering ivy in autumn.

1. Download the free **Asian Hornet Watch** app. Available from the Apple and Android app stores.
2. Report suspected sightings, with a photo if possible, to:
alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk
or: www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet
3. Read the latest news and information about the Asian hornet in your monthly *Bee Craft* magazine and website.

BeeCraft
www.bee-craft.com

At our October meeting we played the TV quiz 'Pointless' before enjoying tea and cake.

For 19th November meeting we will have a Bingo afternoon.

Arrangements are being made for our Christmas Lunch, which is provisionally booked for Thursday 3rd December. Please save this date.

Our last meeting of the year is 17th December, where Brenda & friends will entertain us with a Christmas sing-a-long. At this meeting we bring a small gift to put in our Secret Santa draw.

Dementia Café

Run in association with Abbey
Field Medical Centre & Ardleigh
Surgery

**Every second Thursday of the
month: 1:30pm-3pm**

**Shrub End Community
& Sports Centre
Boadicea Way
Colchester
CO2 9BG**

Parking available!

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

Well, here we are in November already, and the days are shorter, wetter and darker. In less than a month our diaries will be filling up with work Christmas parties, Carols, Crib Services and, of course, Christmas itself, with family, friends and all the festivities that come with it! Meanwhile, our screens bring us an endless stream of news, opinions and advertisements and the wider world can seem endlessly troubled.

But amidst the busyness, amidst the trouble, life needn't overwhelm us. The quieter pace of village life still affords moments of peace and calm: a neighbour stopping for a word during their morning walk, a light appearing in a window as dusk falls and the familiar sight of people meeting for coffee, lunch or an evening pint on the high street.

November also brings with it a time to remember, as we gather in reverence to acknowledge the sacrifices of those who've gone before us in the midst of the winter chill. Young or old, there is something healthy and right in

acknowledging our collective gratitude for the peace we enjoy today.

Maybe that is one of November's gifts. It encourages us to look back with gratitude, to look around us with warmth and to look forward with hope. At the heart of the Christian faith is light that shines in darkness. The light doesn't necessarily or immediately remove the difficulties and challenges of this life, but it does remind us that darkness does not have the final word. And the light is personal - indeed, it is a person: Jesus of Nazareth, a man who knew well the endless demands of this life and yet was able to retain a peace and calm even in His life's darkest moment.

So when you're tempted to be overwhelmed, take time out to pause and to reflect, to remember what makes peace today possible and to consider the light that has come in to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Happy November!

Best wishes, Phillip

**PLEASE NOTE MY NEW LANDLINE
01206 970735**

LIGHT A CANDLE SERVICE - 3PM SUNDAY 1 NOV

We have many anniversaries throughout the year to celebrate various events and occasions. Sometimes these anniversaries remember loved ones no longer with us where, even after many years, our emotions feel stirred with grief and loss remembering them.

Our 'Light a Candle' service at St George's is an opportunity for us all to come together in God's presence to remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died, whether recently or in past years. Our short service will

include hymns and prayers, bible reading and times to reflect along with the act of lighting a candle in memory if you so wish. All are welcome.

If you are unable to join us, but wish your loved ones to be named in our act of remembrance, do please contact a church warden or email church@greatbromley.org.uk and we will ensure their names are collated with the others. Refreshments will be served afterwards and we would love to meet with you.



St George's Church, Great Bromley

For St George's contacts, information, or to receive our email newsletter, please visit www.greatbromley.org.uk or email us at church@greatbromley.org.uk

Nov 1 st	All Saints	Parish Eucharist BCP with choir	11 am
	All Souls	'Light a Candle' service	3pm
Nov 8 th	Remembrance (War Memorials)	Act of Remembrance 10.50am Little Bromley Act of Remembrance 10.50am Great Bromley followed by church service with Deanery Choir	
Nov 15 th	2 nd bef. Advent	Evensong BCP with choir	6.30pm
Nov 22 nd	Christ the King	Parish Eucharist	11 am
Nov 29 th	Advent Sunday	Group Eucharist at Tendring 'Darkness to Light'	9.30am 4pm
Dec 6 th	Advent 2	Parish Eucharist BCP with choir	11 am
Dec 13 th	Advent 3	Parish Eucharist with choir	11 am
Dec 20 th	Advent 4	Community Carols with choir	6.30pm
Dec 22 nd		Carols at Little Bromley	3pm
Dec 24 th		Crib Service	3pm
Dec 25 th	Christmas	Christmas Eucharist	11 am
Dec 27 th	Christmas 1	Group Eucharist at Dedham	9.30am

St Mary's Church, Little Bentley

Nov 1 st	Morning Prayer 11am
Nov 15 th	Holy Communion 11am
Dec 6 th	Morning Prayer 11am
Dec 20 th	Holy Communion 11am
Dec 24 th	Festival of Light 6pm
Dec 27 th	Group service at Dedham 9.30am